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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 124, 2/6/2017; HB 156, 2/6/2017

Executive Action:

HB 53: Be Concurred In
HB 48 :Be Concurred In
HB 49: Be Concurred In

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 53

00:01:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 53 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 48

00:02:44 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 48 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:02:55 Sen Cohenour

00:03:08 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:03:53 Sen. Barrett

00:05:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49

00:05:52 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **HB 49 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:06:04 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

00:07:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:02 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 156, Extend statutory appropriation from hard rock mining impact trust account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:10 Maureen Davey, Stillwater County

[EXHIBIT\(nas31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas31a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas31a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas31a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas31a05\)](#)

00:13:22 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association

00:15:08 Jim Hart, Madison County commissioner

00:17:22 Laura Obert, Broadwater County commissioner

00:18:14 Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County commissioner

00:19:52 Susie Mosness, Sweetgrass County commissioner

00:20:43 Bob Faw, Sweetgrass County commissioner

00:22:10 Jerry Bennett, Lincoln County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:30 Sen. Phillips
00:23:51 Rep. Mandeville
00:24:11 Sen. Phillips
00:24:39 Rep. Mandeville
00:25:36 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:26:41 Rep. Mandeville

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:53 Rep. Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:58 Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 124,
Require education program for water commissioners.

[**EXHIBIT\(nas31a06\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:16 Jan Langel, Water Resources Division administrator, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:35:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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00:35:51 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:36:31 Mr. Langel, DNRC
00:36:51 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:37:01 Mr. Langel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:36 Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy

Committee Business:

00:37:56 Chair Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:41 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas31aad.pdf](#))